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PUT YOURSELF INTO THE PICTURE THIS YEAR AT THE **SIXTH FRIENDS OF OLD TIME RADIO CONVENTION** **OCTOBER 16th & 17th, 1981** **BRIDGEPORT, CT. HOLIDAY INN** **AND FIND OUT WHAT THESE PEOPLE ENJOYED LAST YEAR.**

Don't miss the Sixth Annual Friends of Old Time Radio Convention! We'll have the usual great line-up of guests and events, and you can meet your fellow fans from the US and Canada!

GUESTS: (tentative) LON CLARK and CHARLOTTE MANSON (stars of *Nick Carter*); WALTER B. GIBSON (creator of *The Shadow*); RAYMOND EDWARD JOHNSON (*Inner Sanctum*); GRACE MATTHEWS (*Shadow*); COURT BENSON (Tennessee Jed); ALICE REINHEART (*Life Can Be Beautiful*); ARNOLD MOSS (*Against the Storm*); LEE ALLMAN (Green Hornet); STEPHAN SCHNAABEL (*Chick Carter*); BILL LIPTON, ARTHUR ANDERSON (*Let's Pretend*); BETTY TYLER KARP (Mr. & Mrs. North); FRAN CARLON (*Big Town*); NANCY DOUGLASS (*Portia Faces Life*); SIDNEY SLON (Goldbergs); AUDREY MARSH (Harv & Esther); Announcers BOB DIXON (*Perry Mason*) and GEORGE ANSBRO (*Young Widder Brown*); Organist ROSA RIO, Producer-Directors ART HANNA (*Just Plain Bill*) and IRA ASHLEY (*Grand Central Station*); Sound Effect Artists BOB PRESCOTT, BOB PRESCOTT, JR. and PETE PRESCOTT; and MIKE WARREN, Connecticut TV & Radio Personality. Announcer BILL OWEN

EVENTS: Times listed are tentative, but will not significantly change by convention time.

Friday, October 16, 1981
6:00 PM Convention opens; meet guests and fans as they arrive
6:00 PM Cocktail Hour
7:30 PM Buffet Dinner
8:30 PM Movies, Musical Trivia and Sing-a-long; National Broadcasters Hall of Fame presentation; more.
Saturday Morning and Afternoon, October 17,
Bridge and Port Rooms! Dealer's Room with over 40 tables
9AM to 3PM: Dealer's Room with over 40 tables

East Room:
10:30 to 12 Noon: Acting and Sound Effects Workshop
12:00 to 1:45 PM: OTR in the Community
1:45 to 2:45 PM: Trivia Contest; Prizes!
2:15 to 2:45 PM: Recording Tape and Techniques Workshop

2:45 to 3:45 PM: Raymond (your host) Edward Johnson reads Poet's "Cask of Amontillado"
3:45 to 4:30 PM: Radio Program recreation West Room:
9:00 to 12 Noon: Movies

12:15 to 1:15 PM: OTR Authors-Meet the people who have written or are writing books on OLD TIME RADIO!
1:15 to 2:15 PM: Al Jolson Special- Ed Greenbaum and Herb Goldman of the International Al Jolson Society, Inc. will present this special event on one of entertainment's greatest personalities. 2:15 to 3:15 PM: Collecting "Experts" give their views on collecting and are open for questions and answers.
3:15 to 3:45 PM: Radio Producers, Directors, and Writers give their favorite anecdotes and helpful hints of their trades.
4:30 PM: Panel Discussion with Guests

Saturday Evening, October 17,
5:30 to 7 PM: Cocktails-Meet and Mingle with the guests and the fans
7:00 PM: Dinner; Radio Program Recreations

(In the past we've reunited parts of the casts of FBI IN PEACE AND WAR, SHADOW, MARK TRAIL, COUNTERSPY, OUR GAL SUNDAY, INNER SANCTUM, FRONT PAGE FARRELL, others)
Convention Fees: Prepaid tickets held at door.
Friday, October 16, all events, \$13/person
Saturday, October 17, afternoon events only, \$5/adult, \$4/child under 16, senior citizens

Saturday, October 17 all events:
\$22/adult, including dinner; \$19/children under 16 and senior citizens, including dinner

Dealers Tables: \$5/table, exclusive of other fees. Limit 3 per dealer.

Hotel: \$38/single, \$42/double. Rooms must be reserved by October 3 with \$25 deposit to ensure space. Otherwise on as available basis. Ask for forms when mailing convention registration.

GETTING THERE: The newly renovated Holiday Inn in Bridgeport is very convenient. By car, take I95 to Exit 27, Lafayette Blvd. About an hour from NYC. By train, take New Haven line from Grand Central Station. Bridgeport stop is a few blocks from hotel. From airports, take Connecticut Limousine or Kennedy; leaves every hour from LaGuardia or Kennedy; costs about \$18. Rides from NYC, if you can offer a ride to a fellow collector, please let us know. If you need a ride, mention when mailing registration.

For advance registration or further information, write or call:
JAY HICKERSON, Box C, Orange, CT 06477
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or JOE WEBB (914)237-5332
Committee: Jay Hickerson & Joe Webb, Co-chairmen; Stu Weiss, Anne Webb, Larry and Julie DeSalvatore, Bob & Carol Witte, Mel Schlank, Richard King, Workshop participants: Brad Gromelski, Don Bayley, Gary Yossey, Ken Piletic, Gary Kramer, Ron Barnett, Ron and Linda Downey, Tony Tolin, Terry Salomonson

A PERSONAL NOTE: Old-time radio lost another friend. Ian Martin died on July 25th. Ian attended our convention and his humor and friendliness were always present. He will be missed by his fans and his peers.

CONVENTION UPDATE: More guests tentatively coming since flyer was printed: Teri Keane and Elspeth Eric...As of August 3rd, 29 people are coming on Friday and 80 on Saturday and 19 tables are reserved. Raymond Edward Johnson was interviewed on WAVZ in New Haven on July 24th, his 70th birthday, by Mike Warren and myself. Raymond and Mike are looking forward to this year's Convention...Allen Rockford was a dedicated collector and did much more than most for the preservation of Old-Time radio. When he died 2 years ago, we set up an "Allen Rockford Award" to be given to a collector who does more than most, just as Allen did. Past recipients have been Ken Piletic, John Dunning, Charlie Ingersoll. We need your votes. Suggested nominees are: Roger Hill, Don Richardson, Chuck Schaden, Charles Stumpf, Ray Stanich, Phil Cole, Barry Brooks, John Furman, Terry Solomonson...

IN FOND MEMORY: Keefe Brasselle, Jul 7, 58, actor, TV producer (Baileys of Balboa, Reporters, Cara Williams Show)...Harry Chapin, Jul 16, 38; singer/composer (Cat's in the Cradle, Taxi)...James E. Grainger, Jul 6, 75; Film producer...Meyer Levin, Jul 9, 75; novelist, screenwriter...Bernard Gorcey, Jul 1, 50; French songwriter...Robert E. Keane, Jul 2, 96; character actor...John Morey, Jul 1, 32; member of Steppenwolf...Malvin Franklin, Jul 9, 91; composer, charter member of ASCAP...Max Liebman, Jul 21, 78; theatrical and TV producer (Your Show of Shows)...Shub Mosley, Jul 21, 71; jazz trombonist (L. Armstrong, F. Waller)...William Wyler, Jul 27, 79; film director...James Buffington, Jul 20, 59; classical & jazz hornist...Alfred Santell, Jun 19, 86; film director...William Clarke, Jun 26, 70; TV & radio writer (Wilderness Road)...Paddy Chayefsky, Aug 1, 58; playwright, TV writer.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: WORLD OF YESTERDAY, June; articles on Dick Purcell, Otto Kruger, Jack Norton, Spy Smasher serial...KASTLEMUSICK BULLETIN, July; article on Nino Rota

CONVENTIONS: The Nat. Broadcasters Hall of Fame will hold its annual induction ceremonies on Oct. 25, at the Performing Arts Theater, Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, N.J. 1981 inductees are Milton Berle, Kenny Delmar, Bob & Ray, Frances Langford, Mickey Rooney, Gary Moore, Lanny Ross, Martin Block, William B. Williams and Make Believe Ballroom. Cost is \$15. Ceremonies start at 3:00 and a reception and refreshments follow. Send \$15 to NBHF, West Main St., Freehold, N.J. 07728.

HERE AND THERE - NEW FRIENDS: Phil Stallings, 1316 Whitley Rd., Keller, Texas 76248...Dick Lattimer, 4470 NW 70th Ter, Gainesville, Fla. 32601 is a space writer and wants early Mercury & Gemini spaceflight radio tapes. Quote cost...Joe Tenaglia, Box 1461, Boston, Ma. 02104

OLD FRIENDS: Alex McFee, Star Rt 1, Box 678, Banning, Cal. 92220, wants: Jean Shepherd Shows from 60's and 70's, Bob & Ray from 60's and recent guest appearances on PBS & TV, and BBC Science Fiction & Mystery such as Paul Temple. Have same categories to trade, and a new BBC Sci-fi serial in Stereo, "EarthSearch". Also would like a collection of W.C. Fields on radio...Richard Sloan, 3855 Arthur Ave, Seaford, N.Y. 11783 has been audio engineer with ABC TV in NY since 1968. Richard is an authority on the assassination of Lincoln, portrayals of John Wilkes Booth, and Dr. Mudd, the man who set Booth's broken leg. Richard is trying to get all plays, radio programs, TV shows concerning



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above. He is especially looking for LUX, 5/2/38, Prisoner of Shark Island; Abe Lincoln in Washington, FORD THEATRE radio series, 2/15/48; CAVALCADE OF AMERICA, 11/8/48 Garden Key episode; Lincoln - The War Years episode; Conspiracy - CBS RADIO MYSTERY THEATRE, 3/26/1980; The Man in the Barn - WHN radio, NYC 1937 or 38; The Thirteenth Juror - NBC radio, episode dealing with John Wilkes Booth; MR. PRESIDENT - starring Edward Arnold in a Lincoln episode, The Last Day...Jackie Morris, 1245 Singletary Ave, San Jose, Cal. 95126, wants record or cassette of Jane Powell called "Love to You & Broadway Too"...Dave Swift, 38 Dartmouth St., Halifax, Ma. 02338, wants 2 GI JOURNAL shows with Roy Rogers. One had RR with F. Sinatra & Fibber McGee & Molly & other had RR with Hildegarde & Bergen & McCarthy...Lawrence Rao, 1213 E. 88th St., Brooklyn, NY 11236 wants Speed Gibson - 1st Chapter. He accidentally erased it. Will allow liberal trade from his collection providing it is from disc or 2nd generation.

RADIO IS ALIVE & WELL: Aug. 19th will mark 10th anniversary of OTR revival in central New York. 10 years ago, Don Richardson & Allen Rockford produced & hosted on WSEN-FM "The Sounds of Yesteryear"

LATE MAIL: Josh Bray, Box 98, Green Lane, Pa 18054 wants CBS, ABC, and CBC broadcasts of Royal Wedding 7/29/81...NEW FRIENDS: Lowell Plydon, 511 Madison Av, Huntington, W Va 25704...Larry Rossen, 6245 No. Clarmont Av, Chicago, Ill 60659 wants several shows from YOUR HIT PARADE 1939-42 with Moonlight Becomes You; Magic is the Moonlight; Campana Serenade; Starlight Serenade. Also wants MANHATTAN MERRY-GO-ROUND and SHOWBOAT...I have too many flyers to insert this time. Steve Albert, 588 Hogg Memorial Dr, Whitman, Ma 02382 has many discs for auction. Flyer will be in next month. Send Steve a SASE if you want one now...Dead at 80 is Melvyn Douglas. Mr. Douglas died Aug 4th; twice an oscar winner, he appeared in 70 films...Mills Brothers still singing together after 56 years. They have made 2,246 records. Only Ben Selvin (9000), Vernon Dalhart (5000), and Bing Crosby (2650) have made more records.

Have a nice month

Write if you get work and hang by your thumbs

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